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New Funding Opportunities

Nationwide Foundation Seeks Applications Under its Small Grants Programme (UK)

The Nationwide Foundation which works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims:

- To promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising.
- To improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs.
- To provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives.

Previous projects funded include:

- A grant of £5,000 towards the salary costs of a counsellor involved in the specialist support and advocacy service for women suffering domestic violence.
- A grant of £4,000 towards setting up workshops for women from Black and Minority Ethnic groups living in the London Borough of Newham, who are experiencing domestic abuse and difficulties in their relationships.

There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>

Partnership Charitable Trust Grant Programme (UK)

The EAGA Partnership Charitable Trust is a grant-giving trust that supports projects and research into the causes of fuel poverty and its impacts on health, in particular, the health of vulnerable consumers. There is no minimum or maximum grant level that organisations can apply for, however there is a strong preference for supporting large projects that can influence national policy. Previous projects funded include:

- The development of a simple easy to use tool to help social housing providers in England and Wales identify homes that are energy inefficient and set targets for their improvement to ensure all homes are capable of delivering affordable energy.
- The development of a methodology for predicting the level of fuel poverty in small areas.

The Trustees meet three times a year to consider applications. The next application deadline is the 1st May 2009.

http://www.eaga.com/charitable/charitable_trust.htm

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (UK)

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation has announced that funding is available to local and national charities or not-for-profit organisations that address rural and urban deprivation. Under Rural Issues grants are available for projects that could include for example providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness. Under the Urban Deprivation grants are available for projects that could include for example youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless. In addition, from July 2009, the Foundation will start a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. The Grants Committee meets quarterly to consider applications at the beginning of February, May, July and November. The deadlines for submitting applications is generally 2 months before the date of a meeting.

<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/>

Funding to Promote Financial Inclusion (UK)

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2007 – 2009. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include:

- Making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV
- A research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th January 2009.

http://www.friendsprovident.co.uk/common/layouts/subSectionLayout.jhtml?pageId=fpcouk/SitePageSimple%3Afriends_provident_foundation_landing+_page#

£33 Million to Expand Handyman Services (England)

Local authorities across England have the opportunity to access £33 million of funding over the next two years to help them develop or expand their local handyman services over the next two years. The scheme will enable older people to hire a trusted handyman to carry out minor repairs, such as clearing out the gutters, fixing a new lock to the back door or securing the stair carpets to avoid it becoming a fall hazard. Older people who want to hire a handyman will be directed to local services, knowing they are hiring a trusted professional who will guarantee their work at a low set cost. The Government will also announce £1 million to develop a national helpline and website to provide expert advice and assistance on a range of matters affecting older people, such as housing advice and care and support services in their area. The Government will be working with a range of agencies including Counsel and Care, Elderly Accommodation Counsel and Help the Aged to transform the exciting pilot scheme into a national helpline going live in April 2009.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=388307&NewsAreaID=2>

Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas and Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's. The next application deadline is the 30th January 2009.

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/>

Grants to Promote Walking (Scotland)

The Paths for All Partnership has announced that it has funding available to fund new and innovative ways of promoting walking for health. The aim of Paths to Health is to increase the health and well-being of inactive people by promoting regular walking within local communities. The funding is available to any organisation, group or partnership within Scotland, which can demonstrate that it is working in the interests of the wider community. Funding is available through two funding streams:

- The small grants schemes for grant of up to £2,000
- The large grants scheme for grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to three years.

Applications should demonstrate the involvement of the local community in planning and running local projects. The development of volunteers within the community to help run the scheme is integral to achieving long-term sustainability of led walk programmes. In addition grants of up to £2,000 are available to businesses that introduce walk to work initiatives. The Paths for All Partnerships would encourage any potential applicant to discuss any proposals with the Paths to Health team as soon as possible. Applications for small grants can be made at any time and for large grants the application deadline is the 6th April 2009.

<http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/grants.asp>

Partnership Fund (England)

The next deadline for schools wishing to apply for the Partnership Fund is the 28th February 2009. The Partnership Fund is designed to help schools which can demonstrate that, in spite of their determined efforts over time, they have not been able to raise the sponsorship necessary to apply for specialist school status. To be eligible for Partnership Fund support, schools will need to demonstrate that they have:

- Made concerted efforts to raise external sponsorship for at least a year
- Established links with local business and community groups relevant to the specialist project, even if these have not resulted in offers of eligible cash sponsorship
- Undertaken substantial fundraising activities in-house
- Made substantial efforts to raise awareness about its specialist plans.

<http://www.specialistschools.org.uk/schools/biddingsupport/thepartnershipfund.aspa>

EU-US ATLANTIS Programme - Call for Proposals (UK)

The European Commission has together with the US Department of Education launched a new joint call for proposals under the EU – US Atlantis Programme. The aim of the Atlantis programme is to promote cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Training between the EU and the US. The type of actions that will be funded include support for consortia of EU and US higher education institutions to implement dual/double or joint degree programs (Transatlantic Degrees), this includes:

- Mobility grants for students and members of the academic and administrative staff
- International curriculum development projects
- Activities designed to enhance collaboration in the higher education and vocational training field between the EU and the US.

This call for proposals is open primarily to higher education institutions and to vocational education and training institutions, as well other bodies active in higher education and vocational training. The total budget available is € 5 million and the closing date for applications is the 23rd March 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa/index_en.html

First Light Movies Announces New Application Deadlines (UK)

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies have enabled over 12,000 young filmmakers to write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce over 800 films. The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. Every year approximately £700,000 of grants are available through three funding streams:

- The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for the production of a 5 minute film.
- The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30, 000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes.
- What's the Big Idea Awards provides grants of £3,000 to develop ideas and stories for films.

Schools that have received funding include:

- Balfour Junior School in Brighton received funding to make an environmental documentary 'The Amazing Adventures of the Plastic Bag'.
- Mousehole County Primary School in Cornwall received funding for 'School of Fish', a film that looks at how the holiday trade affects the lives of people in Cornwall.
- Prudhoe Community High School in Northumberland received funding for 'The Legend of Long Lankin', an animated drama retelling the folktale of the local murderous villain Long Lankin and his female accomplice.

A crew of 15 13 to 17 year olds will produce the film. The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2009 for the What's The Big Idea? Award and the Pilot Awards. The Studio Award is currently closed but the next deadline will be announced in early 2009.

<http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/>

PRS Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The PRS Foundation for New Music (PRSF), which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre, provides a range of grants to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK has announced the application deadlines for its grant making programmes in 2009. The Foundations grant making programmes supports music festivals, new music, unsigned bands and promoters, etc. The Foundation also provides a range of bursaries to individuals. Since March 2000 the Foundation has made more than 2500 grants totalling some £10 million. For more information on the types of grants available and the application deadlines, please click on the link below.

<http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding/2009deadlines.htm>

Active European Remembrance (UK)

The EU has announced a new call for proposals under the Active European Remembrance Initiative. The Active European Remembrance Initiative is of the EU's "Europe for Citizens" programme 2007-2013 and supports:

- Projects that are linked to the preservation of the main sites and memorials associated with the mass deportations, the former concentration camps and other large-scale martyrdom and extermination sites of Nazism, as well as the archives documenting these events and for keeping alive the memory of the victims, as well as the memory of those who, under extreme conditions, rescued people from the Holocaust;
- Projects linked to the commemoration of the victims of mass exterminations and mass deportations associated with Stalinism, as well as the preservation of the memorials and archives documenting these events.

The closing date for applications is the 30th April 2009.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action4/funding_en.htm

The Peer Mentoring Support Programme for Pre and Post 16 Education (England)

The Government has announced a £720,000 National Peer Mentoring programme, run by the Mentoring Befriending Foundation across England to support the development of young people volunteering to become peers in schools and colleges. As part of the National Peer Mentoring Programme, children and young people will:

- Work with groups or individuals to resolve disputes through conflict resolution
- Develop befriending schemes which help to encourage friendships for those children who might otherwise struggle to fit in or to be accepted
- Be trained to listen to problems and support their peers.

This scheme is available to all schools and education settings that want them. The Peer Mentoring Support programme will run until March 2011.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0300

Volant Charitable Trust (UK)

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time. In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. The closing date for applications is the 27th February 2009.

<http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>

Post Office Diversification Fund (Wales)

The Welsh Assembly Government has announced that it is now accepting application under its new £4.5 million Post Office Diversification Fund for Wales (PODF). The aim of the fund is to help sub post offices in Wales to improve and diversify during the economic crisis. The fund is open to every sub post office in Wales, and is available over 3 years for areas including:

- Business and marketing advice
- Advertising
- Training
- Certain set-up costs for new services
- Creating better access to buildings
- Upgrading computer equipment
- Improving security
- Providing better external signs for the premises.

There are three funding streams available under the PODF. A small capital grant scheme for grants of up to £5,000; a larger capital grant scheme for grants over £5,000; and a revenue grant scheme. The revenue fund will be open all year to applications. There will be 2 application rounds per financial year for capital grants and applications will need to be received by 30th April 2009 to be considered for the first round. Applications for funds from the second round will need to be received by 31st October 2009. Applicants must be the legal owner or hold a minimum 3-year lease of any building to be refurbished under the provisions of the fund.

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/podfw/?lang=en>

Other Funding News

Reciprocal Visit Grant Preparation Seminars (UK)

The British Council has announced the dates for their Grant Preparation Seminars for schools applying for a Reciprocal Visit grant. Reciprocal Visit grants enable staff from each partner school to visit their partner school for a minimum of 5 working days. The visits allow time for staff to meet face to face to plan joint curricular activities with a global dimension theme. Reciprocal Visit grants are for partnerships that are laying the foundations for long term collaborative work that will embed a global dimension in the schools' curricula. These seminars will:

- Help prepare applications looking at features of successful partnerships and curriculum projects
- The application process and assessment criteria
- Support available.

The seminars are aimed at schools that are already in established partnerships with a school in one of our eligible countries. Seminars will be run on the following dates:

- 28 January in Cambridge
- 29 January in Stirling and Reading
- 30 January in Newcastle
- 2 February in Llandrindod Wells
- 3 February in Belfast and Bath
- 4 February in Coventry
- 5 February in London and Leeds
- 6 February in Nottingham
- 9 February in Manchester.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grant-preparation-seminars.htm>

VAF Announces Temporary Closure of its Community Chest Grants Programme (Scotland)

The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) which provides grants to support the work of voluntary organisations in Scotland has announced that due to being heavily oversubscribed, its Community Chest Grant Programme has been temporarily closed. The Community Chest Programme is aimed at small community groups across Scotland. VAF are particularly keen to fund community groups from Clackmannanshire, Inverclyde and South Ayrshire. The Community Chest provides grants of up to £1,000 to help small community groups with an income of under £25,000 fund their activities. It is anticipated that the programme will re-open for applications during February or March 2009. It is also anticipated that the eligibility and funding criteria will change.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/>

Voluntary Sector Development Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that over 120 voluntary sector support organisations are to share £1.2 million in grants awarded through the Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF). The purpose of the Voluntary Sector Development Fund is to assist Voluntary Sector organisations in meeting the costs of developing a highly trained and qualified workforce (meeting phase two qualification registration requirements set by the Scottish Social Services Council). The funding will be used to directly fund and/or support training and development needs to meet the registration requirements. The priority for this year will be to assist the funding of the SSSC's Phase two registration requirements, specifically for Care Home Services for Adults (Adult residential care workers, support workers in adult residential care and residential adult care staff with supervisory responsibilities) and managers in housing support. The Voluntary Sector Development Fund has made over £7 million available to voluntary care organisations since 2001. The next application round is likely to be announced later in 2009.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/12/30104600>

New £35m Business Start-up Programme for the North West (North West)

Business Secretary Lord Mandelson has given the go-ahead for a new £35m Business Start Up programme for the North West. The aim of the programme will be to support the start up of 12,700 new businesses and to create 23,000 jobs over 5 years. This new programme follows on directly from the current Northwest Business Start Up provision, which comes to an end on 31st March 2009. The new programme aims to narrow the productivity gap between the north west and other regions and has three inter-related aims:

- To increase regional economic output by reducing the 91,000 business 'gap' in the region, by increasing business start-up and survival rates.
- To target underrepresented groups such as ethnic minorities, women, over 50s, disabled and the social enterprise sector as well as geographic regions which under perform in terms of business start-up
- To deliver on the Government's commitment to simplifying business support, for start-ups and young businesses in the north west.

The new programme will be delivered through Business Link.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=389129&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

New £2.5 Million Fund for West Cumbria Communities (North West)

The Cumbria Community Foundation has announced that it will be managing a new £2.5 Million Fund to support community activities in West Cumbria. The funding is being provided by Nuclear Management Partners, which have been awarded a five year contract as the parent body for the Sellafield site. £500,000 a year will be available over the next five years will be available to local organisations from April 2009 and will be administered in conjunction with Cumbria Community Foundation. Further information on the criteria for the Fund will be posted on the Foundation's website in the New Year.

<http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/index.htm>

Funding Reminders

Bridging the Gap (UK)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT), which is an independent grant-making organisation that was established in 1999 to improve the quality of life in Britain's coalfield communities has announced that it is seeking applications under its Bridging the Gap programme. Under this programme grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available to community and voluntary groups within the coalfield communities to improve the quality of people lives. The CRT will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes: Access to employment; Education and skills; Health and wellbeing; and Access to opportunities. CRT offers quick access to funds and aims to make a decision within 12 weeks of receiving an application. The funding programme is due to run for three years from April 2008 to March 2011. Since being founded, the CRT has awarded £150 million through its grant-making programmes. In addition to the Bridging the Gap programme, the CRT can award grants of up to £300,000 through its main grants programme to bigger voluntary, community and statutory organisations. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/>

Leonardo Da Vinci Small Scale Partnership Projects (UK)

Organisations who are new to European funding or who are looking to work with European partners on a small scale may be eligible to apply for funding through the Leonardo Da Vinci's Partnerships Projects fund. Leonardo Partnership projects are designed to allow organisations from across Europe to work together in a small scale co-operation activity. Partners work on a specific topic or theme and are able to visit each other to share their experiences and practices. The funding provided allows partners to meet, find out about each other's organisations and working practices, and share expertise on the theme. You also have the opportunity to involve your trainees and teachers or trainers in the project. Projects last for two years and must involve at least 3 partners in 3 different participating countries. The level of funding available is based upon the number of visits made to partner organisations – these are referred to as 'mobilities' and range from €10,000 for a minimum of 4 mobilities to €23,000 for a minimum of 24 mobilities. In addition potential applicants can use Preparatory Visits funding to meet new partners or discuss your Partnerships application with existing partners. The closing date for applications is the 20th February 2009.

<http://www.leonardo.org.uk/page.asp?section=00010001001900020001§ionTitle=Partnerships>

Commonwealth Connections Opens for Applications (UK)

The Commonwealth Foundation, which is an intergovernmental organisation supporting the work of charities and other civil society organisations, has announced that its international arts residency programme “Commonwealth Connections” is now open for entry. At the end of June 2009, six recipients will be given a grant of up to £8,000 to travel and study in another Commonwealth country. The residencies are open to all visual artists who are citizens of a Commonwealth country. Formerly the Commonwealth Arts and Crafts Awards, the Commonwealth Foundation's residency programme for visual arts is changing to bring the benefits of its successful model to an increasing number of practitioners. Performance art and photography are included as eligible categories for the first time; there is no longer an age limit; and this year sees the first step in the evolution of the awards into a rolling, annual scheme of residencies for which artists can apply at any time. In addition, the scheme will expand and extend to disciplines outside the visual arts. Applications are judged online by an international panel of artists, including former winners, and experts in the different art forms and regions of the Commonwealth. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2009.

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=472>

Darwin Scoping Awards (UK)

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has announced that it is seeking applications through the Darwin Scoping Awards. Through the awards organisations can apply for funding towards travel costs to a host country to enable UK institutions to develop a full Darwin project application in collaboration with host country partners. The aim of the Darwin Initiative is to assist those countries which are rich in biodiversity but poor in financial resources to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) through the funding of collaborative projects which draw on UK biodiversity expertise. The purpose of the Scoping Awards is to ensure that more UK organisations with biodiversity expertise have the chance to apply for Darwin project funding, by enabling less well-resourced organisations to develop project applications. Funding of up to a total maximum of £3,000 will be provided for the actual travel and subsistence costs for one or two people. Applications deadline is 20 February 2009.

<http://darwin.defra.gov.uk/apply/scoping/>

Funding for Individual and Small Groups to Improve their Local Communities (UK)

Groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities can apply for funding through the Wakeham Trust. The Trust are particularly interested in supporting neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded. The Trust also support innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities), though we never support individuals. The Trust normally give grants to projects where an initial £75 to £750 can make a real difference to getting the project up and running. To be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf. The type of activities supported in the past include; a grant of £250 to three young people in Leamington Spa who were trying to set up a youth club. The Trust gave them £250 to help set up the club in an old Scout hut; and a grant of £50 to an unemployed ex-professional footballer in Yorkshire to buy footballs and equipment for a group of 100 or so tough kids to play football. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.wakehamtrust.org/>

Other Grants Online websites include :

Local Authority Local Funding Portals – www.grants4.info

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